GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2016
Modernisation of Railway Hospitals
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working of Railway hospitals has been reviewed and if so, the details of shortcomings noticed and follow-up action taken thereon;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the condition of most of the railway hospitals is quite dismal and also a number of posts of doctors, specialists and para-medical staff are lying vacant in various zonal and divisional railway hospitals;

(c) if so, the details thereof, zone and division-wise and the reasons therefor;

(d) the efforts made by the Government to fill up the said vacant posts; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the health care facilities, including upgradation and modernisation of railway hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY IN PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.57 BY SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH AND SHRI JASVANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2016 REGARDING MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY HOSPITALS

(a) Yes, Madam. The existing medical facilities available in railway hospitals are considered to be adequate. Further, review of facilities as per requirement is done regularly through infrastructural up-gradation of logistics and infrastructure by implementation of Works Programme and Procurement of Machinery and Plants.

(b) to (d) The facilities available and quality of service being provided by Railway hospitals is considered adequate and they are functioning to the satisfaction of railway medical beneficiaries both serving and retired, their spouse and eligible dependents. As regards availability of doctors in Railway Hospitals, Indian Railway Medical Service (IRMS) Cadre consists of only General Duty Medical Officers. Specialist Doctors recruited through the cadre are being best utilized for providing specialized medical care to the railway beneficiaries. The vacancies, wherever arisen, are regularly filled up by recruitment through Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) or by deployment of Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) on annual contract basis. For filling up short term vacancies of specialists, doctors are also engaged as Honorary Visiting Specialists (HVSs) and by calling consultants on case to case basis. Similarly vacancies of paramedical staff are being filled up through recruitments conducted by Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) or on annual contract basis.

(e) Up-gradation and modernization of Railway Hospitals is an on-going continuous process undertaken on the basis of conditions of existing equipments/ techniques, technological developments, training of medical and para-medical personnel through Continuous Medical Education and Training Programmes.
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